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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
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following documents:

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These documents are listed on the accompanying Form
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